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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION VIEWS ON UNCTAD AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COORDINATING GROUP

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 8635; (B) STATE 208183

1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO MOVE UP DATE OF MEETING OF UNCTAD AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING GROUP (ICG) (SEE FEF B). AS SUGGESTED IN REF A, THEY DO NOT FAVOR, HOWEVER, HAVING THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TDB BECAUSE TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF TDB AND OCTOBER CIEC SESSIONS BEFORE HOLDING THE ADHOC MEETING. IN ADDITION, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT NEXT CIEC SESSION WILL LIEKLY BE EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 30. THIS WOULD CREATE A POSSIBLE CONFLICT FOR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE TO ATTEND BOTH CIEC AND AD HOC MEETING. AS A RESULT, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SUGGEST HOLDING THE IGC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8-12 IN GENEVA. THEY NOT THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MEET BEFORE THE UNCTAD MEETING ON THE COMMON FUND.

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2. MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD PASS THIS SUGGESTION

ON TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE DATES WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE US OFFICIALS TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRIP, WHEREAS US PROPOSAL WOULD AVOID THIS. COMMISSION OFFICIALS WERE SYMPATHETIC TO PROBLEMS OF FREQUENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. NEVERTHELESS, THEY PERSIST IN THEIR PROPOSAL. THEY PLAN TO DISCUSS THEIR PROPOSAL WITH MEMBER STATES AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY HAVE ALSO MADE A SIMILAR PROPOSAL TO THE JAPANESE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF THE US IS WILLING TO SUPPORT COMMISSION PROPOSAL OF HOLDING UNCTAD AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING GROUP IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 8-12. HINTON

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